Aurangabad, Nashik and Bhiwandi corporation during April 2006. Commissioner, Malegaon organized specific rallies before each round, where in prominent muslim leaders actively participated, Joint efforts were made by WHO/UNICEF and corporation authorities to persuade to accept OPV vaccine.

(c) During the year 2004, there was 3 virological positive polio cases in Maharashtra *i.e.* one in Bhiwandi, Thane district, one in Malegaon of Nashik district and one in P North Ward of Mumbai Municipal Corporation. No polio cases had been detected during the year 2005 as well as during the year 2006 till date.

Pending proposals from Chhattisgarh

†3766. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Government of Chhattisgarh which are pending with his Ministry for approval alongwith the details thereof;

(b) since when these proposals are pending;

(c) the reasons for delay in approving them; and

(d) by when the pending proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign aid to various health programmes

3767. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of international aid for health programmes in the country received during the last three years ending 31st March, 2006, year-wise and foreign source-wise;

(b) the nature of the health programmes on which the programmes on which the foreign assistance received and utilized during each year; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the entire assistance were utilized and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

China model population control

3768. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present population of the country, State-wise;

(b) the time by when the country is expected to surpass China in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to use both the stick and carrot policies to control population explosion;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to adopt the methods adopted by China to control population; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) A statement showing state-wise population as per 2001 census and projected population for 2006 as prepared by the Registrar General, India MHA is at Statement (*See* below).

(b) As per the figures given in the publication "World Population Prospects-2004" the population of India is expected to surpass China in 2030.

(c) to (f) As such the Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature and which enables a couple to adopt the family planning methods best suited to them, according to their choice, without any coersion. They are free to decide the size of their family. The policy of the Government is to promote a small family norm without prescribing any number of children but provide necessary facilities to meet the unment demand.